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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

VOL. II. AUGUST, SEPT. & OCT., 1842. No. 23.

Stated Meeting, August 19.

Present, twenty-seven members.

Mr. DU PONCEAU, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Fraley, a member elect, was presented to the President, and signed the laws.

Letters were read:—

From the Baron de Ladoucette, dated Paris, 19th March, 1842, acknowledging the honour of his election as a member:—

From the Baron de Ladoucette, dated Paris, 5th May, 1842, Count Graberg de Hemsö, dated Florence, 30th May, 1842,—the Hon. J. R. Ingersoll, dated Washington 13th July, 1842, and the Dutch Society of Sciences at Harlem, dated 28th July, 1842, severally announcing the transmission of donations to the Library:—

From Dr. Harlan, dated 19th Aug. 1842, announcing the return of the fossil bones of the *Megalonyx*, borrowed by him from the Society some time since, and requesting that his paper on the *Orycterotherium Missouriense* might be returned to him:—and

From Mr. Picot, consul of France, dated 19th Aug. 1842, inviting the Society to attend the funeral services in honour of H. R. H. the late Duke of Orleans, on the 26th instant.

On motion, the request contained in Dr. Harlan's letter was granted.

The invitation to attend the funeral services in honour of the Duke of Orleans was accepted.

The following donations were announced:

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Catalogue of the Officers and Students in Yale College, 1841-2.
8vo. New Haven, 1841.—*From the College.*
- Quarterly Summary of the Transactions of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, for May, June and July, 1842. Vol. I. No. 3.
8vo. Philadelphia, 1842.—*From the College.*
- The American Medical Library and Intelligencer. By Robley Dunglison, M.D. New Series. Vol. I. No. 12. For June, 1842.
8vo. Philadelphia, 1842.—*From the Editor.*
- Ueber die Himjaritische Sprache und Schrift von Dr. Wilhelm Gesenius. 8vo. 1841.—*From the Author.*
- Address delivered by B. A. Bidlack, on the 22d Feb. 1839, at Wilkesbarre, Penn. 8vo. Washington, 1842.—*From the Author.*
- Statistics of the United States of America. Collected under the Thirtieth Section of the Act for taking the Sixth Census. Published by Authority. Folio. Washington, 1841.—*From the Hon. J. R. Ingersoll.*
- Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. Second Series. Vol. XVI.
8vo. Paris, 1841.—*From the Society.*
- Journal de Pharmacie et de Chimie. New Series. Vol. I. Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 5. 8vo. Paris, 1842.—*From the Editors.*
- Annales des Mines. Third Series. Vol. XX. No. 5. 8vo. Paris, 1841.—*From the Council of Mines.*
- Journal Asiatique, ou Recueil de Mémoires, d'Extraits et de Notices relatifs à l'Histoire, à la Philosophie, etc. Third Series. Vol. XII. No. 69, and Vol. XIII. Nos. 70 & 71. 8vo. Paris, 1841-42.—*From the Society.*
- Fables de J. C. F. Ladoucette. Seconde Édition. 8vo. (Two copies.) Paris, 1842.—*From the Author.*
- Notice sur la Vie et sur les Travaux de M. le Baron de Ladoucette, député de la Moselle. 8vo. Paris, 1842.—*From the Baron de Ladoucette.*
- Recueil des Travaux de la Société d'Amateurs des Sciences, de l'Agriculture et des Arts, à Lille. Années 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, et 1er Semestre de 1827. Four volumes. 8vo. Lille.—*From the Society.*
- Séances Publiques de la Société d'Amateurs des Sciences et des Arts,

- à Lille. No. 4, 1811, & No. 5, 1819. 8vo. Lille.—*From the Society.*
- Mémoires de la Société Royale des Sciences, de l'Agriculture et des Arts, à Lille. 2e Semestre de 1827, et Années 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, et 1841. Fourteen volumes. 8vo. Lille.—*From the Society.*
- Observations Authentiques sur la Peste du Levant, et sur la Vertu spécifique de l'Huile d'Olive contre cette effrayante Maladie. Par J. Gråberg de Hemsö. 8vo. Florence, 1841.—*From the Author.*
- Notice sur la Race de Dromadaires existant dans le Domaine de San Rossore, près de Pise en Toscane. Par Jacques Gråberg de Hemsö. 8vo. Paris, 1840.—*From the Author.*
- Degli Ultimi Progressi della Geografia Sunto Letto pel Conte Cavaliere Jacopo Gråberg da Hemsö, Dottore di Filosofia e Belle Lettere, &c. 8vo. Milan. 1841.—*From the Author.*
- Relazioni Commerciali dell'Egitto dell'Isola di Candia, e della Siria coi Porti dell'Italia e principalmente con quello di Livorno. 8vo. Florence, 1841.—*From Count Graberg de Hemsö.*
- Sunto della Litteratura Svezzeze in questi Ultimi Anni cioè fino all'Epoca, del Viaggio del Sig. Marmier già'dettato nell'anno 1833, ma ora reveduto, corretto, e fornito di giunte dal Conte Cav. Dottore Jacopo Gråberg da Hemsö. 8vo. Florence, 1841.—*From the Author.*
- The Ninth Annual Report of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society. 8vo. Falmouth, 1841.—*From the Society.*
- Natuurkundige Verhandelingen van de Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen te Haarlem. Vol. I. Part II. 4to. Harlem, 1841.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. IV. No. 2. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1842.—*From Dr. Patterson.*
- Principles of General and Comparative Physiology. By William B. Carpenter, M.D. 8vo. London, 1841.—*From the Author.*
- Principles of Human Physiology, with their chief Application to Pathology, Hygiène, and Forensic Medicine. By William B. Carpenter, M.D. 8vo. London, 1842.—*From the Author.*
- Tic Douloureux, or Neuralgia Facialis, and other Nervous Affections; their Seat, Nature and Cause: with Cases illustrating successful Methods of Treatment. By R. H. Allnatt, M.D. 8vo. London, 1841.—*From the Author.*
- Académie Royale des Sciences de Turin. Programme des Prix fon-

dés par M. le Comte Pillet-Will, associé correspondant de l'Académie. Turin.—*From the Academy.*

Accademia Reale delle Scienze di Torino. Classe delle Scienze Morali, Storiche e Filologiche, Programma. Turin.—*From the Academy.*

Public Documents (Senate). Second Session, Twenty-seventh Congress, No. 336. Invention for preventing Explosions of Steam-boilers. Washington.—*From Prof. Walter R. Johnson.*

Notizie sulla Moltiplicazione in Firenze negli anni 1837, 1838, 1839, dell'Uccello Americano Paroaria Cucullata chiamato volgarmente Cardinale. Da Carlo Passerini. Folio. Florence, 1841.—*From the Author.*

Éloge Historique de M. Livingston. Par M. Mignet. Lu à l'Institut Royale de France, à la Séance publique du 30 Juin, 1838. 8vo. Paris, 1838.—*From Mr. Du Ponceau.*

FOR THE CABINET.

A Fac Simile of the engrossed Copy of the Declaration of Independence.—*From the Department of State, through the Hon. J. R. Ingersoll.*

Dr. Bache, Reporter, announced the publication of Nos. 21 and 22 of the Proceedings of the Society.

Dr. Patterson announced the death of Professor John Patton Emmet, of the University of Virginia, a member of the Society, on the 13th of Aug. 1842, aged 46 years, and gave a brief notice of his character and services.

The Committee on the Museum property presented the several papers and documents, necessary to carry into effect the purchase of the property, duly executed under the instructions of the Society, given at the last meeting.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Committee on the trust funds be charged with the duty of conferring with the Committee of Councils, in relation to the advance made by the city to a fund for constructing an Astronomical Observatory.